GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2558
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CONSTITUTION OF STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States are yet to constitute Human Rights Commission in their respective States;

(b) if so,the names of such States alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with such State Governments;

(d) if so,the details and outcome thereof, State-wise;

(e) if not,the reasons therefor;

(f) whether some States have expressed constraints in setting up the State Human Rights Commission; and

(g) if so,the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to remove such constraints?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): The State of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttarakhand are yet to set up Human Rights Commission in their States.

(c)to(g): The Central Government has issued advisories from time to time to all those States which have not set up State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) to set up SHRC at the earliest.

The National Human Rights Commission has also impressed upon all those States which have not set up State Human Rights Commission.

The reasons advanced by the States which have not set up SHRC,inter-alia,are constraints of funds or lesser number of complaints of human rights violations which do not justify setting up of a full fledged SHRC in their respective States.However,the Central Government is still pursuing the matter with the States,which have not set up the SHRCs.